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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
PRESIDENT PEREZ. THE ORIGINAL WILL BE SENT BY POUCH.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
MY TRIP TO VENEZUELA HAS PROVIDED US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN
OUR FRIENDSHIP AND TO INCREASE MY UNDERSTANDING OF VENEZUELA.
MY RESPECT FOR YOUR JUDGMENT AND COUNSEL GROWS WITH EACH MEETING.

IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME, WE WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS A WIDE
RANGE OF ISSUES. I AM PLEASED WITH OUR TALKS ON BELIZE AND ON THE
POLITICAL SITUATION IN NICARAGUA.
OUR DECISION TO ENCOURAGE THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT TO INVITE THE
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ASSESS THE CURRENT
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE REFLECTS OUR COMMON INTERESTS IN
PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS THERE. OUR SHARED CONCERN ABOUT CUBA'S IN-
CREASING MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA WILL PERMIT US TO WORK
TOGETHER MORE CLOSELY AS THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA EVOLVES. SIMILARLY, OUR DESIRE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN
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-ARMAMENTISMO" IN SOUTH AMERICA WILL PERMIT THE OFFICIALS OF OUR
GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC APROGRAMS TO HELP TRANSLATE
THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION INTO A MODEL FOR OTHER REGIONS TO FOLLOW.

OUR FRANK DISCUSSION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WAS HELPFUL IN IDENTIFYING
THE DIFFERENCES WHICH TEMPORARILY SEPARATE THE NORTH FROM THE
SOUTH. WE CAN NOW MOVE FORWARD TO NARROW THEM. I HOPE THAT FOLLOW-

UP DISCUSSIONS ON NORTH-SOUTH AND ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES
BY OFFICIALS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL PERMIT US TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS MOVING TOWARDS
THE GOALS WHICH WE SHARE IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. I ALSO HOPE
THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON ENERGY ISSUES WILL
BE ENHANCED AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS.

ROSALYNN AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND BLANCA FOR YOUR WONDERFUL
HOSPITALITY. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE BEAUTIFUL ACRYLIC PAINTING
YOU GAVE US, AND WILL TREASURE IT AS A REMINDER OF OUR VISIT TO
VENEZUELA.

SINCERELY

JIMMY

HIS EXCELLENCY

CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

CARACAS

P.S. LET US BE SURE TO CONTINUE OUR VALUABLE CORRESPONDENCE.

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